

REMARKS

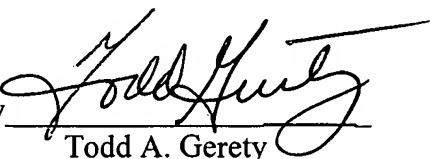
This Preliminary Amendment inserts a "Related Applications" paragraph to page 1 of the English translation of International Application No. PCT/DE2005/002282 filed December 19, 2005, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. DE 10 2004 063 487.4 filed December 23, 2004.

Claims 1-17 are present in the above-referenced International Application, upon which this National Stage Application is based. Amended claims 1-16 contain the same subject matter as original claims 1-16 (respectively), but have been rewritten for clarity, including elimination of the multiple dependencies. Claim 17 as originally filed includes multiple dependencies to claims 14-16. Accordingly, claim 17 has been amended to now depend from claim 14. New claims 18 and 19 have been added, reciting the same feature as original claim 17 and depending from claims 15 and 16, respectively. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.215, Applicants also respectfully request that the patent application be published based upon the specification and drawings deposited on the filing date of this application as well as upon the amendments to the claims that are reflected in the complete claim listing, attached hereto, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c).

In view of the foregoing amendments, the claims are now in better condition for examination and allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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